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**鮑力卓** 大提琴 Richard Bamping CELLO

港樂敲擊樂小組 HK Phil Percussion Section

# 7 JUN 2022

TUE 7:30PM 西九文化區藝術公園自由空間大盒 The Box, Freespace, Art Park, West Kowloon Culture District

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六譚 港樂 の自由空間

# 港樂@自由空間 **譚盾 | 六月雪** HK PHIL@FREESPACE **TAN DUN | SNOW IN JUNE**

# P.3 王婧 JING WANG

《小石潭記》(2021) Record of the Little Rock Pond (2021)

白亞斯,敲擊	Aziz D. Barnard Luce, percussion
龐樂思,敲擊	James Boznos, percussion
梁偉華,敲擊	Raymond Leung Wai-wa, percussion
胡淑徽,敲擊	Sophia Woo Shuk-fai, percussion

# P. 5 基治 JOHN CAGE

《構造三》

Third Construction

白亞斯,敲擊	Aziz D. Barnard Luce, percussion
龐樂思,敲擊	James Boznos, percussion
梁偉華,敲擊	Raymond Leung Wai-wa, percussion
胡淑徽,敲擊	Sophia Woo Shuk-fai, percussion

# P. 6 夏利遜 LOU HARRISON

#### 小提琴敲擊樂協奏曲

Concerto for Violin with Percussion Orchestra

白亞斯,指揮	Aziz D. Barnard Luce, conductor
王亮,小提琴	Wang Liang, violin
龐樂思,敲擊	James Boznos, percussion
梁偉華,敲擊	Raymond Leung Wai-wa, percussion
胡淑徽,敲擊	Sophia Woo Shuk-fai, percussion
陳梓浩,敲擊	Samuel Chan, percussion
小山理惠子,敲擊	Rieko Koyama, percussion

# P.7 **譚盾 TAN DUN**

《悲歌:六月雪》(1991)Elegy: Snow in June, for Cello & Percussion Quartet (1991)白亞斯,指揮Aziz D. Barnard Luce, conductor鮑力卓,大提琴Richard Bamping, cello龐樂思,敲擊James Boznos, percussion梁偉華,敲擊Raymond Leung Wai-wa, percussion胡淑徽,敲擊Sophia Woo Shuk-fai, percussion陳梓浩,敲擊Samuel Chan, percussion

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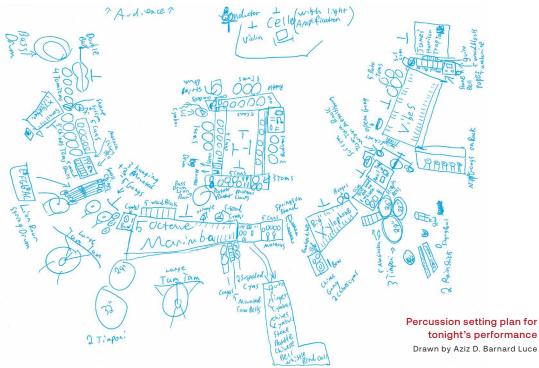


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#### INTRODUCTION

"Percussion music is revolution," John Cage declared in 1939, when he was conceiving his series of *Construction* pieces. "Sound and rhythm have too long been submissive to the restrictions of the 19<sup>th</sup> century music. Today we are fighting for their emancipation." He was joined in his revolutionary quest by Lou Harrison, whom Cage had recently met in San Francisco and who recommended him for his new position at Cornish College in Seattle, where Cage developed some of his most revolutionary percussion-based ideas. Harrison belonged to a percussion ensemble led by Cage that made a legendary tour of the West Coast in 1939-40 known as "Drums Along the Pacific".

The unconventional path that both Cage and Harrison pursued throughout their careers was deeply influenced by their fascination with philosophical and musical ideas they discovered in their study of Asian sources. So it is particularly fitting that the two works by these Western composers included on this programme are combined with percussion-based music by contemporary Chinese composers. Jing Wang's new 2021 percussion quartet *Record of the Little Rock Pond* translates a classic literary text describing a landscape into sounds. And Tan Dun's *Elegy: Snow in June*, an earlier work from 1991, similarly looks back at classic literature for its inspiration, which contrasts the elegiac song of the cello with the unusual sounds produced by a percussion quartet.

b. **1992** 

# JING WANG Record of the Little Rock Pond (2021)



Jing Wang

*Record of the Little Rock Pond* is a prose by the Tang literary figure Liu Zongyuan (773-819), whose skilful portrayal of a beautiful landscape seems to invite the reader to partake in the author's experience and adventure.

The natural elements in this prose – wind, leaf, water, stone, bird, fish and insect, will be literally heard from an extensive battery of percussion instruments performed by four musicians.

## Record of the Little Rock Pond (To the Little Rock Pond West of the Little Hill)

#### Liu Zongyuan

From the little hill, I walked 120 paces west and found myself blocked by a thicket of bamboo. I heard sounds of water like jingling jade pendants and bracelets and found this delightful. I had the bamboo cut down to make a path and saw below a little pond whose water was particularly clear and cold. Its bottom was entirely of rock. Along its edges, the rock bottom curved and protruded forming rises, islets, archipelagoes and crags. Emerald vines on viridian trees grew thickly entwined or hanging down. Uneven in length, they waved back and forth in the wind.

There are a hundred or so fish in the pond who seem to be swimming in the air without any support. Sun rays penetrate down through the water, and their shadows spread out on the rock bottom as they contentedly remain immobile. Suddenly, they swim off, swiftly darting back and forth, seeming as happy as this traveller.

I gazed at the southwest corner of the pond, which was bent like the Dipper and wound about like a snake, the water flickering light and dark. Its edges were serrated like a dog's teeth, and I could not discover the source of the water. I sat down above the pond and was completely surrounded by bamboo and trees on all four sides. I felt solitary without anyone else there. The scene chilled my spirit and froze my bones. I became hushed, melancholy and remote. The scene was far too quiet to linger long, so I wrote this down and departed.

Those who travelled with me were Wu Wu Ling, Gong Gu, and my younger brother Zong Xuan. Those who came along and served us were two youths of the Cui family named Shu Ji and Feng Yi.

Inscribed Landscapes: Travel Writing from Imperial China edited by Richard E. Strassberg (University of California Press, 1994), p. 144.

Programme notes by Jing Wang

# 1912-1992 JOHN CAGE Third Construction

Whatever you think about the actual music that John Cage produced throughout his career, there is no question that his ideas about musical meaning and process left a powerful mark and influenced many other artists even beyond the sphere of music. Early in his career, Cage became especially interested in modern dance and, in parallel, explored how music could be made from non-traditional sources such as castaway junk or products used in the household. He found a job in 1938 at the Cornish School in Seattle, Washington – an arts school that was far ahead of its time in encouraging an interdisciplinary approach.

Cage's main responsibility at Cornish was to provide music that dance students could use for their recitals. It was this work that inspired Cage to make some of his most important early breakthroughs. Most famously, he invented the so-called prepared-piano technique, which transformed a piano into gamelan-like percussion ensemble by using screws, rubber bands, and other "preparations" to alter the sounds of the hammers striking. Cage's fascination with percussion extended to a series of pieces called *Constructions* for his own percussion ensemble, which included among its members the sculptor Xenia Andreyevna Kashevaroff, whom Cage married in 1935 and to whom he dedicated *Third Construction*.

The word "construction" points to the importance of structure in these works. *Third Construction*, written in 1941, consists of 24 measures that are repeated 24 times. These 24 bars are divided into different series of phrase groupings for each of the four percussionists, always adding up to the total of 24. The percussionists in turn play a variety of drums, rattles, tin cans, bamboo pieces, and other instruments, including a conch shell. © Rob Bogaerts/ Anefo

John Cage

# 1917-2003 LOU HARRISON Concerto for Violin with Percussion Orchestra



Lou Harrison © Oscar White/Corbis

Long before the contemporary understanding of the importance of diversity and multicultural exchange became established, West Coast composer Lou Harrison was exploring his fascination with non-Western musical traditions in such works as the Concerto for Violin with Percussion Orchestra. He began making sketches for this work in 1940 but did not complete it until 1959 for the American violinist Anahid Ajemian and later revised the score in 1974.

Harrison disliked the Western system of tuning and preferred what he considered to be the more sensuous and nuanced sounds produced by the more "natural" system of just intonation. He similarly turned away from the conventional Western orchestra to explore percussion-based ensembles that were inspired by his knowledge of the Indonesian gamelan and its sparkling array of tuned percussion instruments.

The Concerto for Violin with Percussion Orchestra thus mixes elements from European tradition and non-Western sounds, while the musical style shows the influence of both Romanticism and Western Modernism. For example, Harrison was inspired by his study of Alban Berg's Violin Concerto of 1937, one of the masterpieces of Modernist concerto writing. Harrison devised a special method to generate the melodic lines for the violin. This consists of limiting the melodic intervals it uses to three – a semitone, a major third and a major sixth, which results in six possibilities according to which any given tone can continue.

Harrison meanwhile finds an abundance of intriguing sonic possibilities in his unusual percussion ensemble, which consists of a variety of "found" and "junk" elements such as galvanised washtubs, brake drums, and even flower pots or plumber's pipes. Harrison instructs the musicians to build an instrument from used coffee cans and old-fashioned clock coils. The tuned and untuned sounds, rhythms, accents and patterns produced by the percussion build a resonant sea over which the solo violin floats, sounding both contemporary and timeless.

#### Programme notes by Thomas May

b. **1957** 

# **TAN DUN** *Elegy: Snow in June*, for Cello and Percussion Quartet (1991)

The image of snow in June comes from a 13<sup>th</sup> century Chinese drama by Guan Hanqing, in which a young woman, Dou E, is executed for crimes she did not commit. Even nature cries out for her innocence – her blood does not fall to earth but flies upward, a heavy snow falls in June, and a drought descends for three years. *Elegy* sings of pity and purity, beauty and darkness, and is a lament for victims everywhere.

The work is a set of free variations. Beginning with sparse, searching phrases, it coalesces to the theme which emerges in the middle then disperses again. The voice of the cello opposes and joins four groups of percussion which each are given solo passages. The singing of the cello contrasts with the sound of tearing paper or the roughness of stones and cans.

*Elegy* was commissioned by the New Music Consort and was first performed by Madeleine Shapiro (cello) with Claire Heldrich conducting.

Programme notes by Tan Dun



Tan Dun © tandun.com



#### WANG LIANG Violin

Second Associate Concertmaster of the HK Phil, Wang Liang recently played the solo in "The Red Violin: Movie in Concert", and was invited by The Chopin Society of Hong Kong – Joy of Music Festival to perform a Saint-Saëns' Violin Concerto and *La Muse et le Poète*. Recently he finished his own online recording project of the 24 Caprices by Paganini.



Richard has been the Principal Cellist of the HK Phil since 1993. He has performed with many of the finest musicians of recent history. He has a great passion for playing chamber music. Richard's cello, dated 1674, was made in Cremona by Andrea Guarneri and is one of only nine surviving examples of his work.

AZIZ D. BARNARD LUCE Percussion/Conductor Before joining the HK Phil as Principal Percussionist in 2011, Aziz was the Principal Percussionist of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra in Florida and has performed with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops Orchestras. Aziz holds degrees from Boston University as well as the New England Conservatory, graduating with academic honours, and has twice been awarded a Tanglewood Music Center fellowship.



### JAMES BOZNOS Percussion

Principal Timpanist of the HK Phil, James is active as a performer, composer and conductor. He uses the pen name OZNO as a composer. Recent highlights include the William Kraft Timpani Concertos, his own compositions Concerto for Timpani, Roto-Toms and Orchestra, and Concerto no. 2 for extended timpani, orchestra and mp3.





Born with congenital deafness in the right ear, Raymond joined the HK Phil as percussionist in 1989. He is an instructor at The Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (HKAPA), the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU). He is co-founder and Chairman of the ethnic drumming group "Island Sun Drum" and co-founder of "Jenga" The Hong Kong Percussion Quartet.



#### SOPHIA WOO SHUK-FAI Percussion

Sophia is a percussionist with the HK Phil as well as a percussion instructor at HKAPA, HKBU and CUHK. She has been the Grover Pro Percussion artist since 2018. Majoring in percussion at HKAPA, she graduated with distinction and was awarded The Bernard van Zuiden Music Fund to further her studies in London's Guildhall School of Music & Drama. She is involved with many chamber music and solo works. She co-founded "Jenga" The Hong Kong Percussion Quartet.



#### SAMUEL CHAN Percussion

First prize winner of the Percussive Arts Society International Solo Percussion Competition, Samuel is selected as one of The Orchestra Academy Fellows. He has appeared as soloist with the Houston Symphony and the HK Phil, as orchestral musician with the Malaysian Philharmonic, the HK Phil and the Hong Kong Sinfonietta; and in summers at the Lucerne, Verbier and Pacific Music Festivals. He toured around Europe as Co-principal with the World Percussion Group and has collaborated with acclaimed artists.



#### **RIEKO KOYAMA** Percussion

Currently percussionist of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, Rieko has performed across Asia and North America. She holds degrees from Indiana University and the New England Conservatory, where her teachers included Gerald Carlyss, Anthony J. Cirone and Frank Epstein. She has performed under Valery Gergiev and Riccardo Muti's batons at Pacific Music Festival and Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

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#### 樂季壓軸:廖國敏 羅馬假期 Season Finale: Lio Kuokman | Roman Holiday 雷史碧基 《羅馬之泉》

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短笛協奏曲 《羅馬之松》 Fountains of Rome Piccolo Concerto Pines of Rome

#### 港樂 × 大館:室樂音樂會系列—— 賦格的藝術 HK Phil × Tai Kwun: Chamber Music Series The Art of Fugue

當巴赫埋首寫作他的最後鈩著《賦格的藝術》時,他希望能把自己領略到賦格藝 術的奥妙仔細呈現。巴赫的這部顛峰之作,沒有指明用哪種樂器演奏,因而有不同 的演繹可能。在這個特別的音樂會中,港樂樂師就以四支長號,精選演繹多首對位 法作品。歷史上長號在宗教儀式密不可分,長號版的《賦格的藝術》將閃爍著莊嚴 與靈性的光輝。

When Johannes Sebastian Bach penned his monumental The Art of Fugue, he wished to write down everything he knew about the pinnacle of the art - strict organisation of melodic lines that appealed both to mathematical and aesthetic perfection. This was his last work. Bach has not specified which instruments to play the work, so there existed a lot of renditions in history. In this unique occasion, HK Phil musicians will play a selection of contrapunctus with four trombones. Given the historic connection of trombone in religious occasion, The Art of Fugue will shine with solemnity and awe-inspiring glory.

巴赫	《賦格的藝術》,BWV 108:選段
BACH	The Art of Fugue, BWV 1080: selections

Robert Reimer, conductor Andrew Ling, viola

Lio Kuokman, conductor Linda Stuckey, piccolo

王亮、桂麗及華嘉蓮,小提琴 姜馨來,低音大提琴 Wang Liang, Gui Li & Katrina Rafferty, violins Kaori Wilson, viola Jiang Xinlai, double bass Megan Sterling, flute Wang Yu-Po, oboe David Chung, harpsichord

廖國敏,指揮 施家 蒲, 短笛 Lio Kuokman, conductor Linda Stuckey, piccolo

韋雅樂、高基信、湯奇雲及 **區 雅隆,長號** Jarod Vermette, Christian Goldsmith. Kevin Thompson & Aaron Albert, trombones

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